

Midwest Summit on the Sustainable Redevelopment of Brownfields

On June 25th and 26th the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will be hosting a conference that will explore the opportunities to redevelop brownfields in a manner that will have lasting environmental benefits.

Techniques that will be explored include: green building approaches; naturalistic stormwater managment; transit-oriented and walkable communities; new urbanism; and efficient, green use of energy and materials.

Key instructors include Chicago Architect Doug Farr, the lead designer of the LEED Platinum-rated Chicago Center for Green Technology, and Jim Patchett of Conservation Design Forum, a key proponent of native landscaping and naturalistic stormwater management approaches.

Presenters will also include a range local governments and consultants that have successfully implemented sustainable Brownfield redevelopment projects. The full agenda is attached below

The workshop will be highly hands-on and interactive. The facilitators will run the course on the model of a design charette. This should be a very exciting several days.

Attendance is limited to 150 people, so please register ASAP. The cost is \$75. Please register at http://128.248.232.70/glakes/ce/ or by calling the Great Lakes Center for Environmental Training at (312) 996-6904.

There will be optional tours on Friday, June 27th for an additional fee of \$50 to cover transportation & a box lunch. If you are interested in participating in the tour, please be sure to register for both events at the web address given above. The tours will visit the Chicago Center for Green Technology, and the Centerpoint Properties Ford Supplier Park near Lake Calumet.

If you have any questions, please call Jim Van der Kloot (USEPA Region V) at 312-353-3161, Kerry Herndon (USEPA Region VII) at 913-551-7286, or Eugene Goldfarb (HUD) at 312-353-1696 x2727.